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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

## PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, offered the following prayer:

God of mercies, whose unfailing love and faithfulness cover our sins, make us today instruments of Your grace. Give us the wisdom to think before speaking and to say the right thing at the right time. May our actions so please You that even our enemies will live at peace with us. Guide our lawmakers in their challenging work. Remind them that many counselors bring success. Help them also to remember that they can make plans, but You determine their steps. Teach us all that it is better to be patient than powerful, and it is better to have self-control than to conquer a city. Guide us by Your light that we may reach the light that never fades. We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1231. An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education.

S. 1295. An act to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide for accountability and funding of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1281) "An Act to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007,

2008, 2009, and 2010," agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE and Mr. NELSON (FL), to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 108-199, title VI, section 637, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission:

Jerome F. Climer of Virginia.

## THE KING OF TYRANNY

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, on this day 2 years ago, United States soldiers found the king of tyranny, Saddam Hussein, hiding in a hole like a rat near Tikrit, Iraq. His trial recently started, and it is more public than some American trials because it is carried on international television. He pontificates about how he is unjustly treated. He tries to portray himself as an honorable person. This is the same dreadful demon dictator that tortured and murdered his own citizens and caused years of chaos and calamity in his own country.

Witnesses in the trial have described rapes, beatings, and electric shock torture carried out by his relentless regime. But the news stories focus on his outrageous court behavior instead of his years of vicious violence and mayhem. The people of the world deserve a record of his atrocities, not the senseless stories of his bad courtroom attitude, his disruptions, and his disrespectful and disgraceful demeanor. The caged rodent known as Saddam Hussein can protest all he wants, but even the likes of him now receives a fair trial. Justice will soon be served, and he will be punished like the rat that he is. We call this justice system democracy.

That's just the way it is.

## NO OUTSOURCING OF TORTURE

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, we must prevent Vice President CHENEY and CIA Director Goss from carving out a special exemption for the CIA to the McCain amendment barring torture, a Bush-Cheney-Goss EZ pass around the law. But we should also realize that even if we ban torture by U.S. Government agencies, the CIA is likely to increase the illegal practice of extraordinary rendition, where they seize or kidnap suspects and send them to countries like Syria or Uzbekistan which are likely to subject the prisoners to torture.

The Secretary of State just flew around Europe trying to explain why

the United States is continuing to snatch citizens off the streets of Italy and Germany and fly them on CIA planes to secret prisons where they may be tortured. Earlier this year, I attached an amendment to the defense authorization bill to stop this practice. If we want to shut down the fast lane for torturers, we need to adopt both the McCain amendment on torture and the Markey amendment barring the outsourcing of torture to countries that do torture around the world in the name of the United States of America and the CIA.

## 2-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, another 2-year anniversary that we observed this week is the passage and signing of the Medicare Modernization Act. A part of that act which really has not received the notice that it deserves is the part that expanded health savings accounts to more Americans. A lot of the restrictions were removed, and these changes allowed more people to be covered by health savings accounts that resulted in more coverage, coverage for people, and more choices for those people with insurance products. Mr. Speaker, I know this, because I had this before coming to Congress, and at that time there were only two companies that offered MSA-type coverage in my State. Now, the field has grown so that many companies offer coverage, and the prices for health savings accounts have dramatically reduced in my area.

Today, Chief Deputy Whip Cantor is going to be introducing a bill that is going to remove some more restrictions that will allow for the adaptability for what are called flexible spending accounts and health reimbursement accounts so they can more seamlessly interact. This is good legislation, and I urge my colleagues to look into it.

## PATRIOT ACT TOO RESTRICTIVE

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Later on this week, we are going to be considering the conference report on the PATRIOT Act. While I recognize that there has been some movement relative to some of the provisions that I found to be too onerous, I am afraid that it has not been changed enough to my liking, and so I simply serve notice that I think it is still too restrictive, it is still too oppressive, it does not speak to the kind of patriotism that I believe in; therefore, I shall be voting against it.